(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Modrnisation and replacement of equipment is a continuous process carried out in a phased manner. The requirements of the Kendra are reviewed from time to time.

Training of AIR and Doordarshan staff

3436. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the staff posted in the AIR and Doordarshan Kendras in the district headquarter AIR Station and DD Centres are not proposely trained;

(b) whether there is a need to provide better training facilities for these staffers of AIR and Doordarshan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to provide exclusive training facilities required for DD and AIR and also for the Indian Information Service officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. These have been reviewed and snyllabi prepared for improvement of skill as well as STIs modified to provide improved facilities. Engineering officers/staff of both All India Radio and Doordarshan are imparted training at the Staff Training Institute (Technical) located at Delhi. The Programme Officers/staff of All India Radio and the Ministerial officers/staff, besides being given training at the Staff Training Institute (Programme) located at Delhi, are also trained at Regional Training Centres at Ahmedabad, Cuttack, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Shillong and Thiruvananthapuram. The Programme officers/staff of Doordarshan are given trajinng at the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune. The Indian Institute of Mass Communications caters to the training requirements of Indian Information Service officials as well as staff of Doordarshan/AIR.

Doordarshan coverage in Orissa

3437. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total Doordarshan coverage provided in Orissa as on 31st March, 1995;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to expend Doordarshan network in Ortssa during 1995-96; and

(c) if so, the proposals expected to be considered in the above financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Whereas the entire State of Orissa is covered by satellite service, terrestrial transmission is available to about 81.4 per cent by population and 77.6 per cent by area of the State as on 31.3.1995.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. 40 Low Power/ Very Low Power Transmitters are envisaged to be set up in Orissa during the current financial year i.e., 1995.96, usbject to availability of adequate resources, timely supply of equipment and requisit infrastructural facilities.

Cultural Programmes on Doordarshan

3438. SHRI BHAGBAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the sttps being taken by Government for projecting the culture of different States in Doordarshan programme;

(b) if so, the steps taken on the projection of culture history and tradition of Orissa:

(c) whether Government have any proposal to project the life history of great freedom fighters, Veer Birsa Munda, Surendra Sai Pt. Gopalbandhu Dash, Baxi Jagabandhu etc. in Doordarshan programmes; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Doordarshan constantly endanvours to highlight through programmes in various formats the culture and heritage of the different states.

(b) Programmes projecting the culture, htsiory and tradition of Orissa are a regular feature of the telecasts of Doordarshan Kendra, Bhubaneshwar and the Regional Language Satellitte service in Oriya. Besides, news about the art and culture of the state is also telecast in the 'Art & Culture' capsule of the national evening news bulletins of Doordarshan from time to time.

(c) and (d) The details are enclosed in the Statement.

Statement

Cultural Programmes on Doordarshan

List of programmes telecast/proposed for telecast on the lives of freedom figheterw from Orissa

I. *Doordarshan Kendra, Bhubaneshwar.*

(a) *Plays, documentaries, Stories etc.*

1. Play on Veer Surendra Sai.
2. Documentary on Pt. Gopalbandhu Dash.
3. TV Report on 25-11-94 celebrating aniversary of Veer Bisra Munda.
4. Documentary and Documentary Drama on Shaheed Laxman Nayak.
5. Documentary on Rama Devi.
6. Documentary on Dr. Hare Krushna Mahtab.
7. Documentary on Gangadhar Mehar telecast on 23-8-94.
8. Story on Veer Surendra Sai telecast on 4-11-94.

(b) *Inlerview based programmes.*

1. Gangadhar Paikarai– 18-1-94.
2. Sundermani Patnaik– 12-4-94.
3. Balram Mohanty– 19-4-94.
4. Nityanand Mahapatra– 9-8-94.
5. Krushna Chander Das– 16-8-94.
6. Narsingh Charan Mohanty– 24-1–95.
7. Banchhanidhi Das– 30-1 95.

National Network.

A programme on Dr. Radha Nath Rath has been telecast.

III. *In addition, programmes on the following freedom fighters and noble sons of Orissa are under production/awaiting telecast :—*

1. Dr. Hare Krushna Mahtab
2. Ms. Rama Devi
3. Shri Biju Patnaik
4. P. K. Parija
5. Shri R.N. Singh Deo
6. Shri Braj Nath Biduja
7. Shri Utkal Mani Gopa Bandhu Dash
8. Shri Utkal Gaurav Madhu Sudan Das

Newspapers Published in Different Languages

3439. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the language-wise number of Newspapers published in 1994: and

(b) the circulation of each of the newspapers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BRADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The information relating to total number of newspapers published in the country is not available as the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) maintains information only in respect of newspapers registered with them who submit their Annual Statement in terms of PRB Act. 1867. However. 38,800 newspapers were registered with RNI as on 31.12.1994

(b) The Annual Statements for the year 1994 submitted by the newspapers are under scrutiny. Compilation of circulation data etc. will be completed by RNI by 30th September, 1995 by which date they are required to sumit their Annual Report 'Press in India' to the Government.

Indian Languages Newspapers Association

3440. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Languages Newspapers Association (ILNA) have urged Government to reserve 200 tonnes of indigenous newsprint for each small and medium newspaper in the country at reported in the news item published in the Hindustan Times dated 7.4.95 (page 8) captioned "ILNA demands Newsprint quota":

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including their demand to increase the advetisement tariffs and expenditure payemnt by DAVP; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken so far in this regard and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BRADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The Government do not seem to have received such a demand from the Indian Languages Newspapers Association (ILNA).